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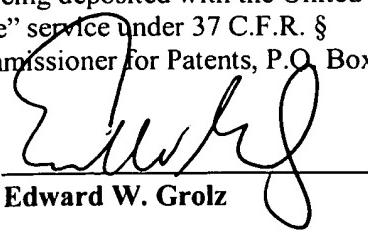
The relevant references are as follows:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,506,897 dated January 14, 2003 (to Antila, et al.)
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,816,078 dated March 28, 1989 (to Schiweck, et al.)
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4. U.S. Patent No. 6,140,498 dated October 31, 2000 (to Jumpannen, et al.)

5. European Publication No. EP 1 340 504 dated September 3, 2003

The above references were cited in a Search Report dated February 18, 2005. Please note that in accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2), applicants are not required to submit copies of cited U.S. Patent references. However, applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited non-U.S. references and non-patent publications, together with a copy of the Search Report.

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